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Transient Charged with Attacking Police Officers

A homeless man was charged today with attacking two Arcadia police officers investigating complaints of aggressive panhandling, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

David King Brewster (dob 8/26/90) faces two felony counts each of battery with injury on a peace officer and resisting peace officer with serious bodily injury.

Case GA096635 also charges Brewster with one misdemeanor count of being under the influence.

The defendant pleaded not guilty today and is due to return on July 27 to Department D of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch.

Brewster is charged with allegedly choking one of the officers and punching another as they attempted to talk to him regarding panhandling complaints, prosecutors said.

Bail for Brewster was set at \$100,000.

The defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of four years and eight months in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the Arcadia Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.